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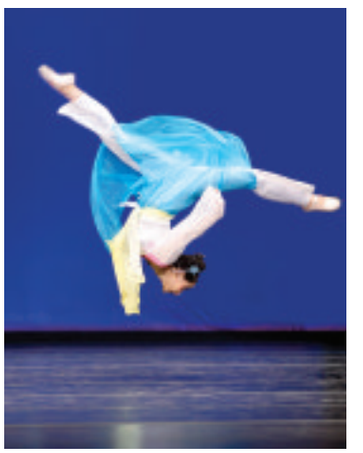

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In the news

Prison bus crashes

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In the news

Elevator death site opens

Workers returned to the prominent Madison Avenue advertising agency Tuesday after Suzanne Hart was killed in a freak elevator accident there in December. Security guards were on hand at Young & Rubicam to escort nervous workers into the lifts. METRO/AB

Accused cop-killer apologizes

NEW YORK. The man accused of shooting to death veteran New York City police officer Peter Figoski told detectives that he was sorry, court papers revealed. "I'm sorry for what I did," Lamont Pride told police officers on his way to his arraignment, according to the New York Post. "I didn't mean for this to happen. I didn't want to kill a cop. It was wrong, and I'm sorry. I can't take it back." Pride's trial records were publicly released yesterday. METRO/CB

▶ The Scotch bottles

Smuggled heroin try

NEWARK. Newark airport officers found heroin stashed in Scotch bottles on Dec. 31, customs agents announced yesterday. U.S. Customs and Border Protection officers arrested Wilfer Bohorquez Rojo, 53, from Colombia, after he was caught allegedly trying to smuggle 25 pounds of heroin through four bottles of Royal Salute Scotch. Officers also found a powdery substance in packages of plastic flags. METRO/AB

Public funeral as family mourns untimely deaths

Five lost in Christmas morning fire ● Public funeral will be today in Midtown ● Grief expert says tragic accident affected many in New York

The city is invited today to mourn the loss of three young girls who died in a Christmas morning fire.

A public funeral for Lily Badger, 9, and her twin sisters Grace and Sarah, 7, will begin at 10:30 a.m. at St. Thomas Episcopal Church in Midtown.

The funeral comes 11 days after the three girls, along with their grandparents, died in a fire that officials said sprang from a bag of fireplace ashes — moved, reports said, when the girls were worried that Santa might be bothered coming down the chimney.

The girls' mother, Madonna Badger, an advertising executive, and her boyfriend Michael Borcina made it out of the Stamford, Conn., home.

Badger attended a private wake yesterday at the Frank Campbell Funeral Home.

Firefighters, who attended the wake, might be some of the attendees today. A church representative said the cathedral can hold 1,200 people.

An employee at the Frank Campbell Funeral Home said the public is encouraged to attend. "It's a terrible tragedy," he said.

They will be buried at Woodlawn Cemetery.

▶ Madonna Badger lost her parents and daughters, inset.

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City stunned

Sherry Cohen, grief recovery specialist at Life After Loss Grief Recovery, said the girls' deaths was so horrific that opening the funeral to the public allows bystanders to work through their reaction.

- "It was on such a special day of the year, such a family day," she said. "By opening it up to the people, it gives the public a chance to maybe find a little completion for their own pain."
- **"It hit a nerve, obviously. It shows us we don't know what happens the next day."** COHEN
- The family has opened a foundation for the three girls. The Other 364 Foundation will "champion compassion every day of the year," according to www.badgerfamilysupport.com.

In State of State, Gov. Cuomo lays out his plans for 2012

NEW YORK. Governor Andrew Cuomo promised economic development in his State of the State address yesterday.

Cuomo outlined a plan for "the largest convention center in the nation" in Queens, on the site of the Aqueduct racetrack, where he wants a casino events center. Cuomo also touched on a local New York City issue — fingerprinting food-stamp applicants. The governor joined City Council Speaker Christine Quinn in opposing the idea. METRO/AB

"Gov. Cuomo's action is an enormous victory for New Yorkers in need." SPEAKER QUINN

▶ Gov. Cuomo

News in brief

Pet owner sues for soul

UPPER EAST SIDE. A New York pet owner wants a judge to confirm that her dog has a soul. Elena Zakharova said an Upper East Side pet store sold her a dog with injured knees and hips, and she wants them to be liable for the dog's veterinarian bills. The dog, Umka, a 1-year-old Brussels Griffon, has a soul, she argues, and deserves money for pain and suffering like humans would receive in court. METRO/AB

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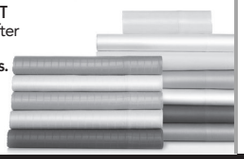

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A call for awareness

MANHATTAN. Vivian Rosario, a Manhattan mom to an 11-year-old, said the news of Cummings' death struck a chord with her after reading about it in yesterday's Metro. She was so moved she wants to organize a march or rally against bullying in an effort to prevent other teens from committing suicide.

"Friends need to tell friends it's not right to bully someone." ROSARIO

"Enough is enough," Rosario said. "It starts at home. It's about raising your child to empathize and be respectful." METRO/CG

Grieving mother lashes out

STATEN ISLAND. In addition to asking people to come forward with the names of Cummings' alleged bullies, her mother, CeCe Weber, also lashed out yesterday on her daughter's Facebook wall. "This is to all you evil son of a b****** that picked on, talked about and threatened my baby, I HOPE YOU DIE and I HOPE YOU SUFFER," read her post. METRO/CG

Family of teen vows legal fight

Family of Staten Island teen wants names of people who they say drove her to suicide Pleas on Facebook

▶ A wake for Amanda Cummings, 15, will be held today.

The family of 15-year-old Amanda Cummings is calling on her friends and classmates to come forward and reveal the students who they say viciously bullied her before she died Monday after jumping in front of a city bus.

"I want names. I want to know who these kids were," Amanda's uncle, Keith Cummings told Metro yesterday. "It's not right we had to lose my niece over this. It was years of torment she went through."

Cummings, a Staten Island sophomore, died from injuries she sustained after she jumped in front of a bus on Dec. 27, said the NYPD.

According to Keith Cummings, a suicide note Amanda was carrying when she died read that she was unable to live after recently breaking up with a 19-year-old man.

Cummings said his niece's cell phone held threatening text messages she had received from both the 19-year-old and from other girls at her school, warning her to stay away from him.

Keith said he wants to report those who bullied Amanda to police.

"I want charges filed. I want something that's going to give them torment in their life like my niece had," Cummings said. "I want justice."

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A sister's request

NEW YORK. Cummings' sister, Dawn Weber, wrote a message on Amanda's Facebook wall yesterday, asking for information:

"As a sister, a mother, and a human being with a \beating heart that is broken, i am begging you kids, anyone with any concrete proof of bullying toward my sister, please let me know. Please. I need witnesses willing to step forward to make legal statements." METRO/CG

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The posters, up now throughout the subway system, are designed to alert riders to service changes caused by bad weather, such as express trains running local or service on some lines, such as the B, not running at all. The signs will appear whenever there is heavy snow, ice or freezing rain that could alter service.

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Council addresses hazing in US Army

◗ LES soldier Danny Chen killed himself after being bullied ◗ Council member says Army needs to do more

A New York City councilwoman wants the U.S. Department of Defense to stop hazing and better train its soldiers about diversity after a local soldier reportedly committed suicide after being hazed.

Margaret Chin, who represents Chinatown, spoke out after the death of Danny Chen, a private in the Army who was found dead in October. Chen, raised on the Lower East Side, was reportedly bullied because of his ethnicity.

"I wanted to write a resolution in honor of all that Danny endured, but also one that pushes the Army to take a harder line against hazing and bullying," Chin said, after introducing the resolution to the City Council yesterday.

▶ Chen

"Bullying weakens our armed forces."
COUNCILWOMAN MARGARET CHIN

The gunshot wound that killed Chen was self-inflicted, according to an Army autopsy. His family said that he had faced bullying and hazing within his unit while in Afghanistan. Eight other soldiers in Chen's unit, including an officer, were charged last month with negligent homicide in his death.

Chin said that, as part of their investigation, the Army confirmed that Chen was hazed for being Chinese-American.

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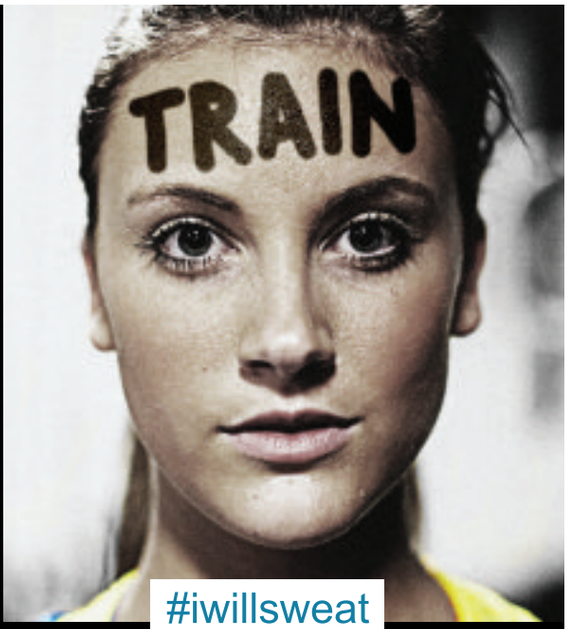

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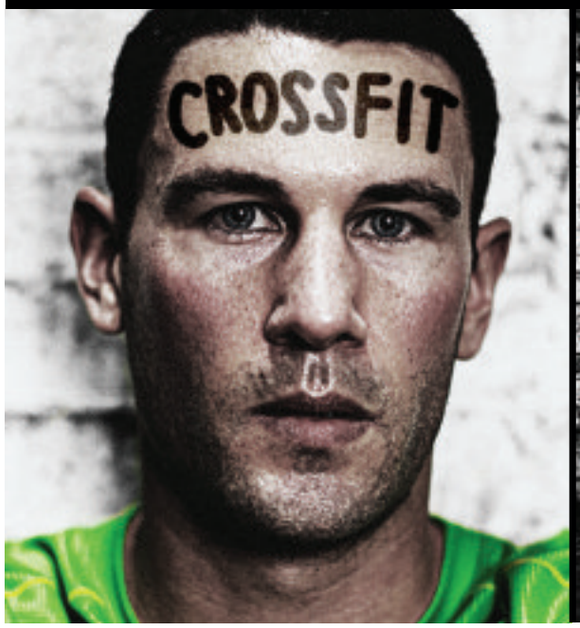

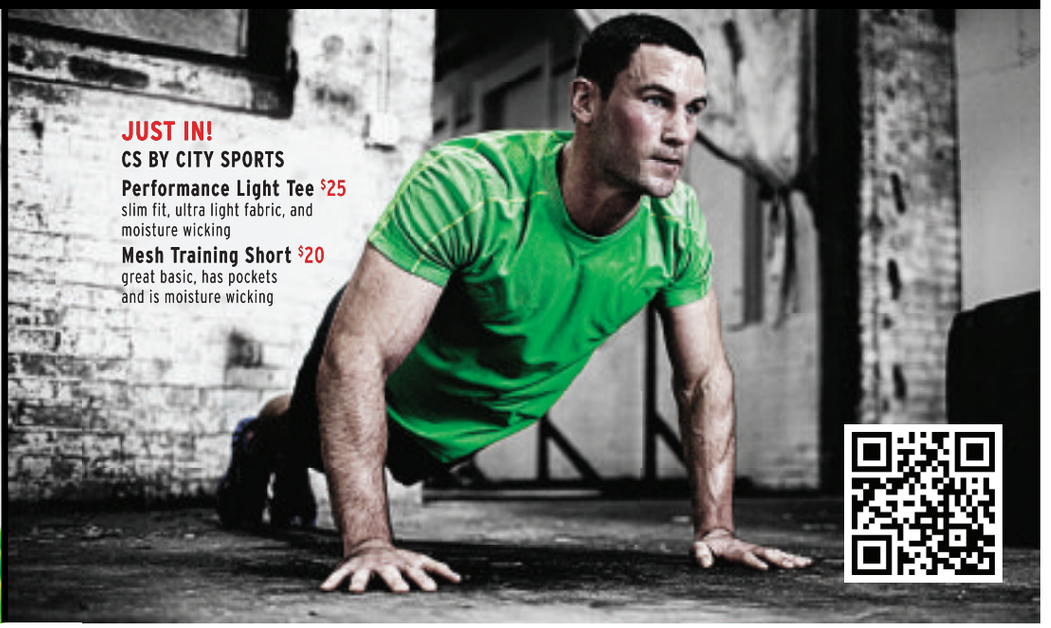

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▶ President Barack Obama waves alongside Richard Cordray after speaking about the economy yesterday at Shaker Heights High School in Ohio.

Obama bypasses Senate to appoint Wall St. watchdog

President Barack Obama plans to bypass Congress and install Richard Cordray as head of the country's new consumer financial watchdog, escalating an election-year fight with Republicans who questioned the legality of the move.

The recess appointment, which Obama announced in a campaign-style rally at a high school gym in a Cleveland suburb, is being cheered by Democrats and liberal advocacy groups who want tougher oversight of Wall Street and other financial players.

Obama's appointment of Cordray yesterday is part of a broader White House strategy to portray Obama as an activist president confronted with a "do nothing" Congress that has stymied his economic agenda.

Last month, Republicans blocked a vote on Cordray.

"We know what would happen if Republicans in Congress were allowed to keep holding Richard's nomination hostage," Obama told a cheering crowd.

Obama's decision to appoint Cordray, a former Ohio attorney general who frequently took on big banks, without a Senate vote, is likely to face a legal challenge because Republicans contend the Senate is still technically in session.

"This is an extraordinary and entirely unprecedented power grab by President Obama," House Speaker John Boehner said in a statement.

The Consumer Financial Protection Bureau was created by the 2010 Dodd-Frank financial oversight law, enacted in response to the 2007-2009 financial crisis, to police the market for consumer products such as credit cards and mortgage. **REUTERS**

SEC: Scam involved LinkedIn website

CHICAGO. Securities regulators charged an Illinois-based investment adviser with using LinkedIn and other social media networking websites to lure investors by offering more than $500 billion in fake securities.

The SEC alleged that Anthony Fields made the fraudulent offers to sell securities through two sole proprietorships — Anthony Fields & Associates and Platinum Securities Brokers.

The agency said Fields provided false and misleading information about clients, assets under management and even the history of his firm's business. **REUTERS**

Automakers: Slower US sales in 2012

DETROIT. Automakers forecast slower U.S. sales growth in 2012, citing weak employment and economic uncertainty.

The industry is headed for full-year 2011 sales of about 12.8 million vehicles, 10 percent higher than 2010. U.S. new-vehicle sales are an early indicator each month of consumer spending. **REUTERS**

EU moves closer to an Iran oil ban

Tension between Persian country, Western countries leads to new oil price spike More than $103 a barrel

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Iranian Foreign Minister Ali Akbar Salehi before a meeting in Tehran yesterday. The European Union and the United States tightened the sanctions noose around Iran.

European Union governments moved closer to halting oil purchases from Iran, stepping up the confrontation over the Islamic republic's nuclear program.

EU foreign ministers are aiming to announce harsher sanctions on Iran's energy and banking industries at their next meeting on Jan. 30 after Greece lifted its objections to an oil embargo.

"We want to tighten sanctions on Iran — the things that have been mentioned are the oil sector and the financial sector," EU spokesman Michael Mann said by telephone in Brussels yesterday.

Oil fluctuated near an eight-month high after the European Union said it's working to sanction oil imports from Iran and its banks and on concern that Europe's debt crisis will affect consumption market. Crude for February delivery rose 29 cents to settle at $103.25 a barrel on the New York Mercantile Exchange. **BLOOMBERG**

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Health. Experiments

Researchers from Harvard Medical School and the U.S. military found monkeys that got an experimental injection were as much as 83 percent less likely than those that got a dummy vaccine to become infected with simian immunodeficiency virus, according to a study.

Vaccine protects monkeys from AIDS

An experimental vaccine developed by a Johnson & Johnson unit protected monkeys against an animal version of the AIDS virus, according to a study that provides new clues in the 30-year hunt for a shot against the disease. **BLOOMBERG**

Euro down vs. dollar

PARIS. The euro fell from almost a one-week high against the dollar after a European report showed inflation slowed and Italy's biggest bank said it needs to raise more capital, fueling bets the region's debt crisis is worsening.

The 17-nation currency dropped toward an 11-year low against the yen after UniCredit SpA's plan to sell shares spurred concern European banks may struggle to raise more capital. The euro slid versus most major peers after El Pais newspaper said the Spanish government helped the Valencia region make an overdue payment to Deutsche Bank AG. **BLOOMBERG**

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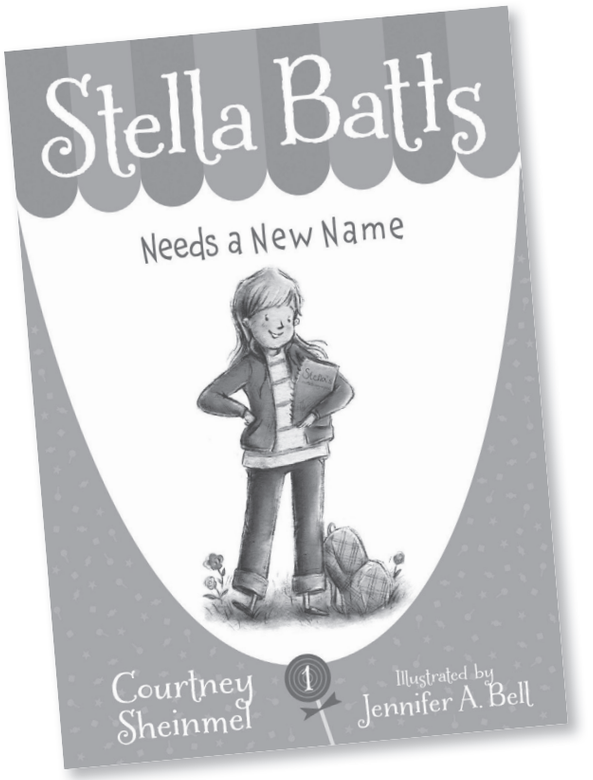

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Iowa contest throws wrench in GOP race

Romney, Santorum come out on top in first test of election season Bachmann out, Perry sticks with it

The man to beat

The Iowa result boosted Romney's status as the person to beat in the nomination race, although the slim margin underscored his continuing in ability to secure the trust of conservative Republicans ahead of what is likely to be the most expensive presidential campaign in history.

Known as a moderate when he was governor of predominantly Democratic Massachusetts seven years ago, Romney had not been expected to do well in Iowa, a midwestern state where conservative Christian voters are a major influence on Republican politics.

The rough-and-tumble Republican race for the White House became even more entangled yesterday when Tea Party favorite Michele Bachmann quit and Texas Gov. Rick Perry decided to stay in after all.

Bachmann stepped down after a dismal sixth-place finish in the Iowa caucuses contest, which was decided by a difference of only eight votes out of the 122,000 cast.

Former Massachusetts Gov. Mitt Romney won Iowa by the tightest of margins over social conservative Rick Santorum, a former senator who had been all but ignored until his poll numbers began to rise a week ago.

Despite vowing on Tuesday night to stay the course in the fight to be the Republican nominee, Bachmann finally threw in the towel. "I have decided to stand aside," said Bachmann, a conservative congresswoman and one-time front-runner.

Throwing political pundits into confusion, Perry announced he is staying in the race for now, after saying he would go home to reassess his campaign because of a disappointing fifth-place finish. REUTERS

25% Romney and Santorum finished the Iowa contest, the first of the 2012 presidential campaign, with about 25 percent support each.

21% Ron Paul was a close third with just over 21 percent.

13% Former House of Representatives Speaker Newt Gingrich came fourth at about 13 percent.

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▶ Republican presidential hopeful Rick Santorum was polling in the single digits until recently, scored a big win at the Iowa caucuses.

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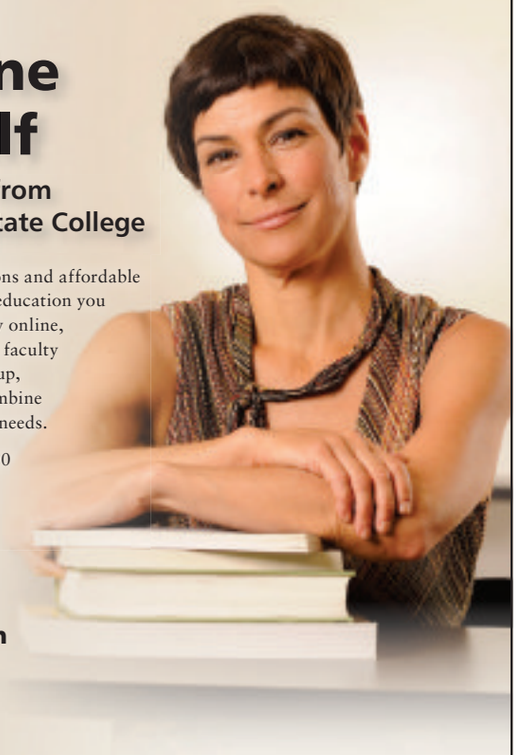

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Metro's **Dorothy Robinson** shares her take on the world of gossip @dorothyatmetro dorothy.robinson@metro.us

'Celebrity Apprentice' announces its new, crazy cast

Well, he might not be running for president — and he might not even have the clout to moderate a Republican debate — but that ol' blowhard **Donald Trump** certainly knows how to pick out a cast of cut-rate celebrities.

On yesterday's "Today" show, Trump unveiled the cast of the upcoming season of "Celebrity Apprentice." It includes **Clay Aiken**, race-car driver **Marco Andretti**, **Adam Carolla**, "Wayne's World" star **Tia Carrere**, "Incredible Hulk" star **Lou Ferrigno**, **Debbie Gibson**, **Victoria Gotti**, "Real Housewives of New Jersey" star **Teresa Guidice**, **Arsenio Hall**, comic **Penn Jillette**, comic **Lisa Lampanelli**, **Aubrey O'Day**, "American Chopper" star **Paul Teutal**, model **Cheryl Tiegs**, ex-Miss Universe **Dayana Mendoza**, Twisted Sister singer **Dee Snider**, "Star Trek" legend **George Takei** and model **Patricia Velasquez**.

▶ Trump

First impression? I'm just happy to hear most of these people are still alive. And it's not all bad: At least these celebrities compete to earn $250,000 to give to the charity of their choice (which should be career training for most of them).

But as for the Donald? Well, it was reported earlier this year that he might pocket as much as $65 million for producing and appearing on the show. You can guess how much of that goes to charity.

So, really, who is the winner here again?

The feed ...

▶ **Checking in with some of Hollywood's biggest names to see what they've been up to — in their own words, in 140 characters or fewer.**

Today, Joan Rivers isn't feeling up to her chores, Adam Scott has been going to the movies, Amanda Bynes doesn't have a lot to say and Bob Saget is looking forward.

▶ **@Joan_Rivers**
This is the only time of year when I'm jealous of atheists. They don't waste their time taking down all the Christmas decorations.

▶ **@mradamscott**
The Girl With The Dragon Tattoo is super funny.

▶ **@AmandaBynes**
Not tweeting is the new tweeting.

▶ **@bobsaget**
Today is the first day of the rest of your life. And if that doesn't work out for you, Tomorrow is the first day of the rest of your life...

Adam Scott

Talking points

Could there be a Schwarzenegger reunion?

After reconnecting with estranged husband **Arnold Schwarzenegger** over the holidays, **Maria Shriver** is reportedly reconsidering her planned divorce from the former California governor, according to OK! Magazine. "She's definitely having second thoughts about going ahead with the divorce," says a source close to the family, who adds that Shriver's friends aren't too pleased with the latest development: "All her friends are up in arms that she's considering a reunion," the source says. "She's close friends with **Oprah [Winfrey]**, who would never encourage her to go back to a man who fathered a child with the housekeeper."

Gosling and Mendes: Still hot

If there were any doubts that **Ryan Gosling** and **Eva Mendes** were getting serious, their recent behavior should put them to rest. While visiting New York, Gosling reportedly took Mendes to the movies along with his mother, according to People magazine. "They all hung out and went to the movies together," a source says. "Ryan and Eva seemed very happy." And they seemed even happier before arriving in New York, while still at the airport in Los Angeles: "They kept kissing and hugging while they waited to board their flight," says a source. "Eva looked gorgeous and kept smiling."

Don't blame Jenny Craig!

Nick Cannon was hospitalized this week in Colorado for kidney failure, wife **Mariah Carey** revealed on Twitter. "Please pray for Nick as he's fighting to recover from a mild kidney failure," Carey wrote in a post accompanied by a photo of the pair in a hospital bed. The singer noted that a visit to the hospital seems to be an annual tradition for the couple: "Last year it was me attached to the machines," she wrote, referring to the birth of their twins, "and Nick was there with me through it. Now here we are."

Cannon

Timberlake off the market?

After quietly getting back together in 2011, **Justin Timberlake** and **Jessica Biel** have reportedly gotten engaged just as quietly. Sources tell Us Weekly that Timberlake popped the question on top of a mountain in Jackson, Wyo., during a snowboarding vacation. "Justin knows how much she loves snowboarding and the mountains, so it was the perfect place," the source says. The pair broke up briefly last year, and "when they reunited, they had a conversation about taking the next step," the source says.

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A few men in bow ties ... and one in a trucker hat

1. Actor Darren Criss makes his debut in "How To Succeed In Business Without Really Trying" at the Al Hirschfeld Theatre on Tuesday in NYC.

2. Stylist and ex-Rachel Zoe bestie Brad Goreski leaves "The Wendy Williams Show" taping at AMV Studios on Tuesday in New York City.

3. Actress Naomi Watts and her son Samuel Kai Schreiber hail a taxi in New York City's Greenwich Village on Tuesday.

4. (L-R) Actors Brian Dietzen, David McCallum, Pauley Perrette, Mark Harmon, Sean Murray (back row) Cote de Pablo and Michael Weatherly pose at CBS' "NCIS" celebration of the show's 200th episode on Tuesday in Valencia, Calif.

5. Ashton Kutcher attends the Los Angeles Lakers vs. Houston Rockets game at Staples Center on Tuesday in Los Angeles, Calif.

6. Rooney Mara was at the "Millenium: The Girl With The Dragon Tattoo" Paris premiere at Cinema UGC Normandie Tuesday in Paris.

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Top 5 films

1 **'The Iron Lady'** A cinematic look at the life of Margaret Thatcher, the former Prime Minister of the United Kingdom. It is Meryl Streep at her best.

2 **'Extremely Loud and Incredibly Close'** Based on the 2005 novel by Jonathan Safran Foer, this film presents a very unique look on the aftermath of Sept. 11.

3 **'The Girl with the Dragon Tattoo'** David Fincher adapts the book and Swedish movie for those who don't like reading subtitles. Rooney Mara, as Lisbeth Salander, has already been nominated for awards for her performance opposite Daniel Craig.

4 **'We Bought a Zoo'** Cameron Crowe directs Matt Damon in this tearjerker based on a true story about a widower who buys a dilapidated zoo in order to give his kids a wholesome childhood.

5 **'Mission: Impossible — Ghost Protocol'** Tom Cruise may be well into his 40s, but that hasn't stopped the impeccably fit actor from performing most of his own stunts in the fourth installment of this series. With a bombing of the Kremlin blamed on his team, Ethan Hunt (Cruise) and his colleagues are forced to go underground to prove their innocence.

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Capturing Spielberg's 'War Horse'

The legendary director brings the classic WWI story to the big screen What's one of his fail-safe methods for relaxation? Yep, there's an app for that

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▶ Spielberg speaks to us about "War Horse," in theaters now.

Steven Spielberg says he hasn't had any free time in the last 36 months. That's not surprising, considering that in 2011 alone, he produced "Super 8," "Transformers: Dark of the Moon," "Cowboys & Aliens," "Real Steel" and several TV projects in addition to directing this season's "The Adventures of Tintin" and "War Horse." But one of the "War Horse" screenwriters, Richard Curtis, is prepared to call Spielberg's bluff about having no time to relax.

"I know that's not true, because I remember ringing you [to Spielberg] up and you saying, 'I can't talk to you because I've just blown up 147 airplanes on my iPad and I'm about to break a record, so can you ring back in about five minutes time?" Curtis says.

"Well, sometimes a good game app will give me about 15 minutes of relaxation," Spielberg admits.

Both men are in NYC to promote their adaptation of "War Horse," an epic film based on the 1982 children's book by Michael Morpurgo, which was adapted for the stage in 2007. Spielberg was so excited to take on the project that he began work on it just seven months after seeing the play. He spoke on his techniques for directing horses, and why World War I shouldn't be forgotten.

Q&A

What was it about this story that really made you want to make it so quickly?

When I first went to the see the play, I loved how basic the needs of these people were. The Narracott family merely needs to scratch out an existence from the infertile soil of the farm they are about to lose. That's a strong [and] very, very relevant issue that we've seen before in movies, and that's often moved us. This is really a story about survival.

World War I is relatively under-represented in film, as opposed to World War II, the Civil War and Vietnam. How much of this film was about the challenge of depicting World War I on the screen?

Because I don't consider "War Horse" to be a movie about war, I don't consider it to be a quintessential World War I picture. The war is a backdrop. It provides the drama to pull these characters apart and eventually reunite them. War is more of a catalyst than the cause celebre.

Did you ever envision that you'd be making kids cry in watching "E.T." to making adults cry in "War Horse"?

Well, that was not my intention. [Laughs] I didn't get together with Richard Curtis and we didn't say, "OK, we're going to tell a story that will make men cry." The play made me cry because of the hope that the horse brings to [his owner] Albert. I honestly felt a catharsis. We've all seen stories where there's more strength in the bonds between an animal and a person than between people.

How do you get the performance you need out of the horse?

I directed the horses through our horse whisperers. Did I take the horse by the reins and go off to a quiet place to have a conversation with the horse? No. Not once. Did the horses sometimes miss their mark and step out of the key light? Yes. [But] the horses improvised beyond any of our wildest hopes and expectations.

▶ "War Horse"

Q&A

Why make so many historical films?

I've always worried that history is so fleeting — that we are so busy with consuming media and the contemporary culture, voraciously gobbling it up, that we have no room to look back. I make a lot of movies about history because I think it's important that we can't see ourselves unless we can see our history. We need that.

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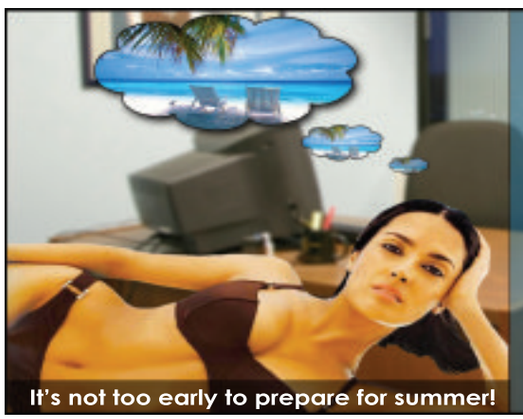

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'Project Runway All Stars'

REALITY. For the first time in this top-notch reality series' history, memorable former contestants are given the chance to redeem themselves while competing against each other for another shot at the "P-Run" title (and cash). Fan faves Mondo Guerra and Austin Scarlett are among the 13 competitors; stepping into Heidi Klum and co.'s designer shoes are new judges Isaac Mizrahi, model Angela Lindvall and Marchesa founder Georgina Chapman.
9 p.m., Lifetime

'Jersey Shore'

REALITY. The gang's back in Seaside Heights, and all is well — well, except for Pauly D's tan emergency and that whole weird Situation-Snooki-Jionni situation.
Season premiere, 9 p.m., MTV AMBER RAY

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The next morning I let Laurie and Jacob both leave before me. When they were safely gone, I went up to Jacob's room and searched.
The search did not take long. In the top drawer of the bureau, I found something hard, lazily hidden in an old white T-shirt. I unrolled the T-shirt until it spilled onto the bureau a folding knife with a black rubberized handle. I picked it up daintily, tweezed the blade between my thumb and index finger, and pulled it open.
"Oh my God" I murmured.
. . .
"Jacob, I need to ask you, for my own peace of mind: is this the knife they're looking for?"
"No! Are you crazy?"
"Do you know anything about what happened to Ben Rifkin? Anything you heard from your friends? Anything at all you can tell me?"
"No. Of course not." He looked at me evenly, meeting my gaze with his own. It only lasted a moment but it was unmistakably a challenge—the sort of look a defiant witness will flip you on the stand. Once he had outfaced me, his point made, he became a petulant kid again: "I can't believe you're asking me this stuff, Dad. It's like, I get home from school and suddenly I get all these questions. I just can't believe this. I can't believe you actually think these things about me."
"I don't think anything about you, Jacob. All I know is you brought that knife into my house and I'd like to know why."
"Who told you to look for it?"
"Never mind who told me."
"Andy," Laurie warned. She had told me not to confront or cross-examine him, not to accuse. Just talk to him, Andy. This is a family. We talk to each other.
I looked away. Deep breath. "Jacob, if I submit that knife for testing, for blood or any other evidence, would you object?"
"No. Go ahead, do whatever tests you want. I don't care."
I considered for a moment. "Okay. I believe you. I believe you."
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How do you meet someone?

Shrink Wrap

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Celebrities Eva Mendes and Ryan Gosling have been spotted together for a few months now, and there seems to be no question any longer that they are an item. Those lucky two got cozy when they were filming "The Place Beyond the Pines." They make it look so easy, meeting on the glamorous set of a movie. But what can you do to meet someone if you aren't gorgeous movie stars with instant chemistry?

The best advice I can give you is to think outside the box. Drop your preconceived notions and go out there with a completely open mind. Everyone typically has their "type" and thus instantly screens out people who they think aren't it.

Instead of sticking strictly to what you know you like, be open to someone new and different and give yourself a chance to discover if, in fact, you might find something attractive in a person you previously would never have given a chance. You might even discover that you like a different "type" more. By increasing your options you will greatly increase your odds.

While doing that, look for and gravitate toward the positive energy — a nice smile, those who show they're interested by asking questions about you, considerate behavior — rather than focusing on appearance alone.

And at least as important, keep a smile on your face. That's a green light to starting up a conversation wherever you are. All it takes for chemistry to happen is for two people to click, which can begin with just a few words. Take the initiative and ask questions. Show interest — and see if it is returned. Welcome the unknown, and see who comes your way.

*— Relationship expert **Dr. Jane Greer** is the creator of **"Shrink Wrap"** – national commentary on what we can learn from celebrity relationships – and host of **"Let's Talk Sex"** at **Healthylife.net.** Her book, **"What About Me? Stop Selfishness From Ruining Your Relationship,"** is available nationwide.*

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- ***Handsome- you're the best thing. So lucky you picked me. I love you! -Em***
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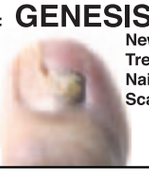
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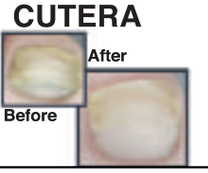

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We played ball, now sitting out

Over the decades, workers have been told that in order for our companies to compete internationally, we have to contribute to their profitability. In our cooperation, we have lost cost-of-living adjustments, union membership, nonparticipatory health care and pensions, fair and consistent raises and other benefits. Now our "job creators" need more concessions; those at the top have become immensely enriched, and the average worker has fallen further behind. **GLENN HAYES, KEW GARDENS**

Numbers game: We got sold out

RE: "ANYONE BUT OBAMA IN 2012": Clever of letter-writer Joseph Dupont to decry the president's employment tax reduction and burden the middle class, stating that "47 percent of U.S. households pay no federal income tax!" without ascribing any responsibility to the 1 percent. **BASIL RODERICKS, WILLIAMSBURG, BROOKLYN**

According to the nonpartisan Tax Policy Center, the reasons for the 47 percent of households that don't pay taxes are deductions and poverty. If you really put the screws to those people, you might get a few million in taxes out of grandma and her grandson in college. Some of the deductions stem from the Bush tax cuts, which you probably blame Obama for. I wonder which direction your head spins when you hear that we will no longer be throwing roughly $7 billion per month at Iraq now that Obama held to the date that the Bush administration set for bringing the troops home. **SCOTT KEELEY, VIA E-MAIL**

Am I the only registered Republican in America totally frustrated with the current slate of candidates? This is the best and the brightest we have to offer the country? Really? At this rate, Obama's 2012 campaign slogan should be "Is that all they've got?" **BRUCE A. BENNETT, HAWTHORNE, NJ**

Why is it such an issue that President Obama helps the 99 percent of the people that are suffering while the 1 percent is constantly still gaining? If those "1 percent" who have their big companies in other countries — so they can pay their employees a lesser salary and exercise child labor — were brought back to the United States to pay their corporate taxes and provide jobs for the unemployed Americans, than those Americans will be able to pay their share of federal taxes. **KAREN SMITH, VIA E-MAIL**

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Horoscope

♑ Capricorn **Dec. 22-Jan. 19**. Owing to your unique ability to revitalize endeavors that are gasping for life, associates might look to you to champion a lost cause.

♒ Aquarius **Jan. 20-Feb. 19.** Think twice before rejecting a social invitation that would involve mingling with a new group. Chances are you will meet some fun people who will give you a new lease on life.

♓ Pisces **Feb. 20-March 20.** Lady Luck is likely to take it upon herself to engineer two new, potentially profitable developments for you.

♈ Aries **March 21-April 19.** Concentrate on putting at ease those you talk to, especially the timorous souls. You have a marvelous talent for making people feel special.

♉ Taurus **April 20-May 20.** There is a strong probability that you will see orchids in places where people espy only weeds. Because of this, you'll find great opportunities that most people will completely overlook.

♊ Gemini **May 21-June 20.** Certain ideas of yours that you feel quite good about could be more ingenious than even you thought. When you see the right opportunity come up, implement them immediately.

♋ Cancer **June 21-July 22.** What goes around comes around, and, fortunately, you may be rewarded for good deeds you've done in the past. Those whom you directly helped won't be the ones reciprocating.

♌ Leo **July 23-Aug. 22.** Even at the expense of temporarily shelving some of your usual duties, spend time on furthering a new interest. Your chances for success are good and copious rewards could be in the offing.

♍ Virgo **Aug. 23-Sept. 22.** An opportunity could come to you through a very unusual source. Be receptive to someone with a good track record in another field when he or she brings a new idea to you.

♎ Libra **Sept. 23-Oct. 23.** When bargaining over something important, don't make any concessions too easily or without cause. Chances are, you'll be in a stronger bargaining position than you realize.

♏ Scorpio **Oct. 24-Nov. 22.** Although you might get drawn into a situation not of your making, after everything quiets down, you are likely to find yourself in a good position.

♐ Sagittarius **Nov. 23-Dec. 21.** Don't rush to a negative conclusion regarding an idea that your mate comes up with. After a bit of careful study on the subject, you might discover that you really like it. **BERNICE BEDE OSOL**

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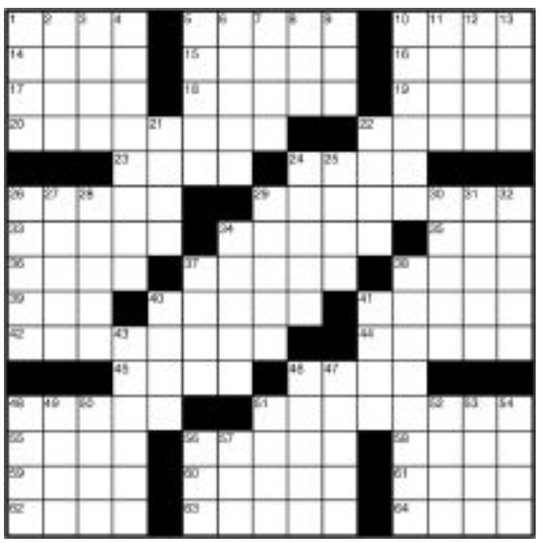

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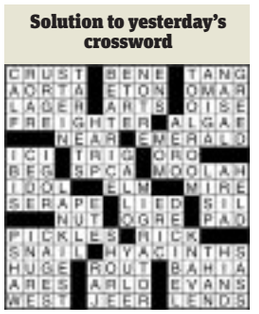

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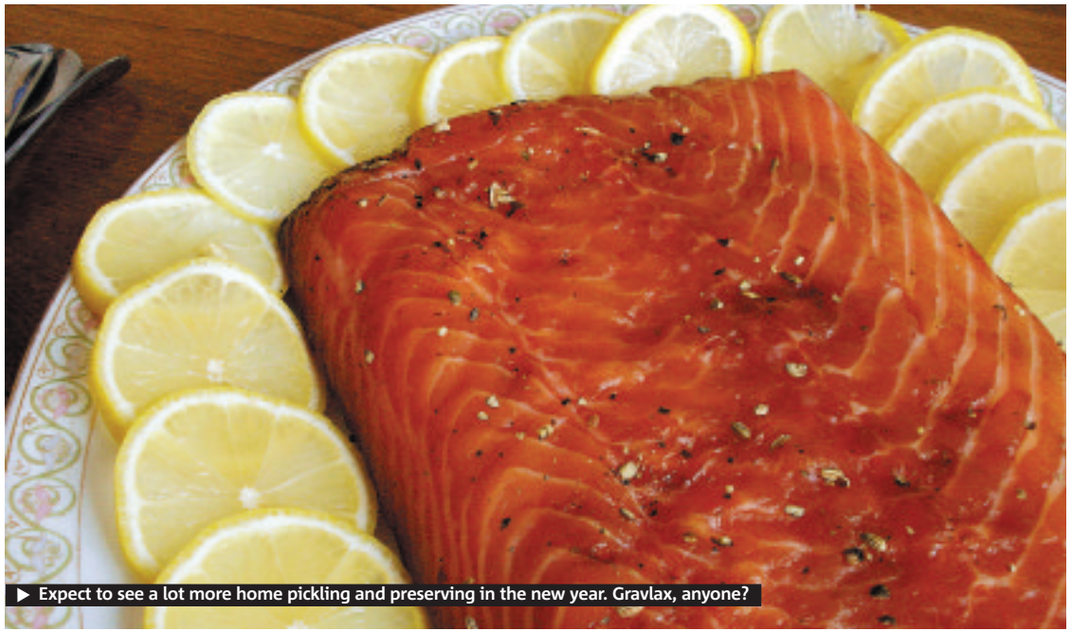
Looking ahead: What to eat in 2012

Here are three trends for the new year ◗ Bedford-Stuyvesant (yes, in Brooklyn) gets its due as a culinary destination ◗ Try the Spherickle Back, a new, scientific approach to getting pickled ◗ Do-it-yourself charcuterie: The next step for ambitious home cooks



▶ Expect to see a lot more home pickling and preserving in the new year. Gravlax, anyone?

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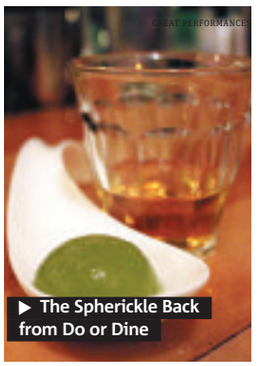

▶ The Spherickle Back from Do or Dine

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Metro takes a look into the future to see what will be on menus — and in your fridge — in 2012.

1 Food from Bed-Stuy

Bedford-Stuyvesant is in the midst of a culinary renaissance. In 2011, the neighborhood saw its first Zagat listing as well as a Michelin nod for Do or Dine (of the famed foie gras doughnut). 2012 openings include Celestino, a Mediterranean bistro from Massimiliano Nanni (formerly of the excellent Saraghina), Beso Latin fusion and the return of Le Toukouleur's African/French cuisine. Bedford Ave. bakery SCRATCHbread has opened an ingenious take-out brunch window serving stuffed popovers and other freshly baked breakfast goodies.

Also opening is the Brooklyn Tap House, a beer garden originally claiming to be located "at the edge of the heart of Clinton Hill." It changed its tune after Bed-Stuy bloggers rallied against the slight. We're glad that the Tap House, ahem, did the right thing.

Quoted

"It's like bringing a hooker to a debutante ball."
DO OR DINE OWNER LUKE JACKSON ABOUT THE MIX OF LOW- AND HIGH-END CUISINE

▶ The stuffed popover is a brunch item from SCRATCHbread.

SCRATCHBREAD

2 Molecular gastronomy with your shot

Molecular gastronomy, hallmark of venerated Spanish restaurant elBulli, is making its way behind America's bars, most recently to elevate the Pickleback: a one-two shot of cheap whiskey followed by pickle juice. Do or Dine's Spherickle Back is a shot of John L. Sullivan whiskey accompanied by a green orb on a spoon. The orb, created through a process called spherification, is filled with spiced fresh cucumber juice. Partner owner Luke Jackson calls it a "perfect synthesis of low-end and high-end."

The Spherickle Back is a prime example of the restaurant's tongue-in-cheek, yet perfectly executed, dishes. "It's like bringing a hooker to a debutante ball," says Jackson of applying haute cuisine technique to dive-bar classics. "You're embarrassing the both of you." He adds that we can expect more molecular cuisine from Do or Dine in the year ahead, from the kitchen as well as the bar.

3 DIY charcuterie

New York's home cooks, having perfected pickling and preserving, are moving on to charcuterie, the craft of preserving meats. Homemade gravlax, pâté and duck-breast confit made appearances at many a holiday party. Terrines, rillettes and head cheeses can't be far behind for 2012.

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Hot spots

Elsewhere in Bed-Stuy

More neighborhood favorites

▶ **A&A Bake and Doubles (481 Nostrand Ave., 718-230-0753)**
What to get: Trinidadian fried ("doubles") or baked ("bakes") bread stuffed with spicy chickpeas, catfish or eggplant

▶ **Dough (305 Franklin Ave., 347-533-7544)**
What to get: freshly made hibiscus, blood orange or passion fruit doughnuts

▶ **Halsey Street Grill (260 Halsey St., www.halseystreetgrill.com)**
What to get: jerk chicken, hand-battered fried whiting, candied yams, greens

▶ **Peaches HotHouse (415 Tompkins Ave., www.peacheshothouse.com)**
What to get: Nashville-style hot chicken, black-eyed pea and duck salad.

▶ **Trinidad Ali Roti (1267 Fulton St., 718-783-0316)**
What to get: oxtail curry roti, goat curry roti, aloo pie, homemade ginger beer

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Leftover bubbly? Use it wisely

- Still have a few bottles remaining from your New Year's Eve fete?
- Spruce it up with these recipes

Holiday Cheer

Ingredients:
- .5 oz. blackberry puree
- Champagne

Directions: In a champagne flute, add blackberry puree. Fill to top with champagne. Garnish with a fresh blackberry.

Recipe courtesy of:
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Red Poinsettia Cocktail

Ingredients:
- ½ cup vodka
- ¼ cup champagne
- ½ cup cranberry juice
- crushed ice
- 3 strips of orange zest

Directions: Mix together and served chilled in a wine glass.

Recipe courtesy of:
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Italian Apple

- 1 tsp diced apples
- 1 oz apple brandy
- Squeeze of fresh lemon
- Top with prosecco
- Serve garnished with apple slice

Directions: Mix ingredients together. Serve in a champagne flute.

Recipe courtesy of: Down in the warmth of Winter Park, Fla., Luma on Park and Prato, two notable restaurants from chef Brandon McGlamery (formerly of French Laundry and Chez Panisse), feature the Italian Apple.

The Sanguine

- ½ oz. Absolut Mandrin
- ½ oz. Campari
- ½ oz. Triple Sec
- ¾ oz. blood orange juice
- ¼ oz. lemon juice
- 4 drops of rosewater

Directions: Shake and strain into a chilled coupe. Top with sparkling rose or champagne. Spray with rosewater and garnish with a white rose petal if the mood strikes you.

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2 Girls Teach Sex

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The eighth annual installment of this citywide festival showcasing new plays from across the country and the globe continues featuring works such as glam-punk production Goodbar, science-horror Chimera, and the avant-garde puppetry of The Table.

"Seminar"
Open run
John Golden Theatre
252 W. 45th St.
$52-$137, 212-239-6200
After ending his tenure at Hogwarts School of Witchcraft and Wizardry, actor Alan Rickman settles into a teaching position with more comedic tendencies in the world premiere of "Seminar," starring as an eccentric literary celebrity whose unorthodox educational methods, advice and insults take its toll on four aspiring novelists.

CULTURE

Jim Henson's Fantastic World
Through March 4
Museum of the Moving Image, 36-01 35th Avenue
$6-$12, 718-777-6800
There's still time to play the music and light the lights. All thing felt, fuzzy and fun continue to be honored at The Museum of the Moving Image with its extended exhibition on the works of Jim Henson, with more than 120 artifacts, including film, photographs, props and puppets.

Eject!
Through Feb. 5
Intrepid Sea, Air & Space Museum, Pier 86 (46th Street and 12 Avenue)
www.intrepidmuseum.org
Make a clean getaway with this new aviation exhibit exploring the use and development of the pilot ejection seat, showcasing models used from the Korean War to the present day.

FILM

Castles in the Sky: Miyazaki, Takahata & the Masters of Studio Ghibli
Through Jan. 12
The IFC Center, 323 Sixth Ave.
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Featuring 15 films produced between 1984 and 2009, The IFC Center is presenting viewers with its last chance to the film work of Japan's Studio Ghibli, the acclaimed anime studio responsible for such animated films as "Princess Mononoke" and the Academy Award-winning "Spirited Away." Subtitled and English dubbed versions are available for those who need them.

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Stage

David Cross

Tonight, 8
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242 W. 41st St.
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As part of The New York Times' Arts & Leisure Weekend 2012 taking place through Jan. 8, comedian David Cross is set to discuss his life and career in stand-up, as well as days spent on such popular television shows as "Mr. Show," "Arrested Development," and his latest project "The Increasingly Poor Decisions of Todd Margaret" which he created, stars in, co-writes and produces.

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▶ Eli Manning and the Giants won games against the Jets and Cowboys that would've eliminated them from the playoffs.

Been here before

◗ Giants have played 'one and done' games for three weeks ◗ Playoff matchup versus Falcons just another ◗ Coughlin wants to establish rush

The Giants head into Sunday's wild-card matchup against the Atlanta Falcons in a familiar role — win or else.

The fact that the playoffs will be that same scenario doesn't faze them one bit.

"No toughness, no championship, that's a motto that's across the walls here," said head coach Tom Coughlin. "That's important to establish that toughness because stopping [Falcons running back] Michael Turner (1,340 yards and 11 touchdowns) is going to be a great challenge."

Injury update

The Giants' injury report yesterday was unusually small:

▶ **TE Jake Ballard** and **DE Osi Umenyiora** were limited in practice, but should play. **RB Ahmad Bradshaw** did not practice.

The Giants have not been known as a smash-mouth team this year, ranking an unfamiliar dead last in both total rushing yards and rushing yards per game.

Coughlin said they'll need to establish some semblance of a running game to take advantage of playing in the Northeast.

"We're gonna have to be [a good cold weather team] and run the ball with consistency," Coughlin said. "Plus, Eli [Manning] has always thrown the ball well in bad weather, which is remarkable."

The players already know it's going to be a dirty game, because of the finality a playoff loss brings.

"Playoffs are different, because it's win or go home," said Antrel Rolle. "You have to turn up the intensity a few notches and bring your best of the best ball."

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▶ McElroy

McElroy rips Jets' 'corrupt mind-set'

Jets rookie quarterback Greg McElroy ripped into his teammates on local radio in Alabama yesterday.

McElroy, who missed all season with a thumb injury, called his teammates "extremely selfish" and said they didn't care if they won or lost.

"It's going to take a lot to come together next year," he said. "I think the fact we struggled at times this year really led to ... this corrupt mind-set within the locker room.

"It's definitely not a fun place to be; I can assure you." METRO

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In the news

Torre leaves MLB offices

Former Yankees manager Joe Torre may soon be an owner of the Dodgers.

Torre left his position as MLB's executive VP of baseball operations to join real estate mogul Rick Caruso's group, who is bidding to buy L.A. from Frank McCourt.

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▶ The Knicks were awful in Amar'e Stoudemire's return.

Knicks clawed by Cats

New York embarrassed by Charlotte in return of Stoudemire, Shumpert
Team dropped to 2-4, have lost two straight Diaw dominates with 27

This was not how the return of Amar'e Stoudemire and Iman Shumpert was supposed to go.

With Stoudemire back in the lineup after missing two games and Shumpert in his first since injuring himself in the season opener, the Knicks lost to the lowly Bobcats, 118-110.

It wasn't the fault of Stoudemire or Shumpert, however.

Stoudemire played 41 minutes and went 10-of-19 from the field as he scored 25 points. His co-superstar Carmelo Anthony contributed 32 points on 12-of-24 shooting. Shumpert contributed a nice spark off the bench, with 18 points in 30 minutes.

The problem? Everyone else and the defense.

Tyson Chandler had just 11 points in 40 minutes — and maybe more importantly, he had just six rebounds.

The Knicks hadn't allowed 100 points in a game since the opener, but the defense of a year ago was back on display last night. They allowed 118 points, with dominating performances by roleplayers Boris Diaw (27 points) and Gerald Henderson (24 points).

Rookie and Bronx-native Kemba Walker had just seven points and five assists in 15 minutes.

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Nets lose big

With Deron Williams and Kris Humphries out, the Nets got run off the court in Boston, 89-70.

The Nets stayed close with the Celtics early — **in fact they led by one after the first half** — but were outscored by 17 in the third quarter to essentially end the game. Paul Pierce led all scorers with 24.

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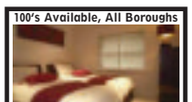

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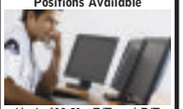

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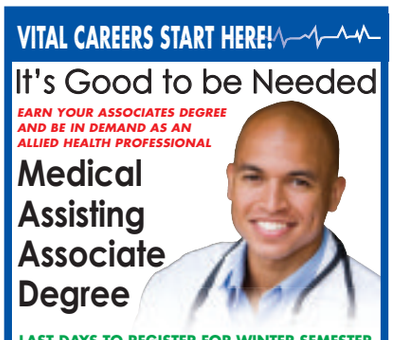
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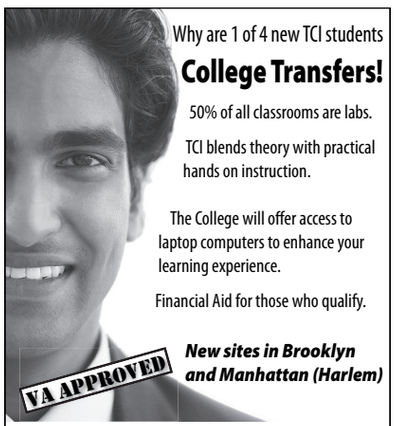
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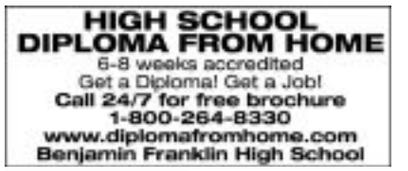

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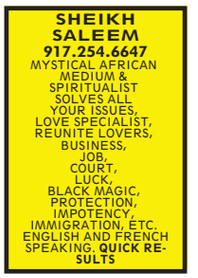
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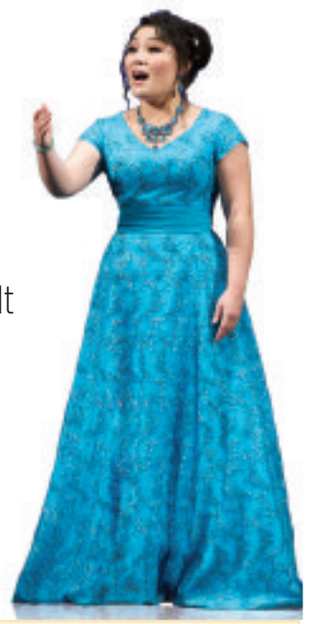

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